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No kitchen is kept cleaner than the premises devoted to the manufacture of **NONE SUCH Mince Meat**. No housewife can be more fastidious in the matter of preparing food than we are in the selection and preparation of the materials of which it is made. The cleaning of the currants (for one thing) is more thoroughly done by means of perfected appliances, than it would be possible to do it by hand.

Its cleanliness, purity, wholesomeness and deliciousness are good reasons for using **NONE SUCH Mince Meat**. The best reason is its **saving**—of time, of hard work, of money. A ten cent package affords you two large pies, without trouble to you beyond the making of the crust. Makes just as good fruit cake and fruit pudding as it does mince pie. Sold everywhere. Be sure and get the genuine.

Send your name and address, and mention this paper, and we will mail you free a book—*"Mrs. Perkins' Thanksgiving"*—by one of the most famous humorous authors of the day.

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## Is As Clean As Yours

### DO SNAKES CHARM?

THESE ARE PROS AND CONS TO THIS QUESTION APPARENTLY.

A Tale From Texas Which Supports the Affirmative, But There Are Naturalists Who Say No—Claim That the Snake's Victims Are Self Hypnotized.

A gopher snake at Escandido has been the cause of much earnest discussion among local naturalists. The question discussed was, "Do Snakes Charm or Hypnotize Their Prey?" One of the naturalists had the unusual but fortunate experience at Escandido of happening upon a large gopher snake just as the reptile was about to overcome a trembling cottontail rabbit and envelop the animal in its deadly coils. For some time the naturalist watched the snake's movements.

It was within 10 or 12 inches of the apparently fascinated rabbit. Silently and almost imperceptibly the snake had wormed its way nearer and nearer to its victim. Its eyes glistened with an intense brightness. Not a movement did it make which might alarm the timid rabbit. The forked tongue, which to the eye of a human being is so repulsive and intended to be terrifying, appeared to exert an entirely different influence upon the mind of the innocent rabbit.

This darting tongue either excited the victim's curiosity or caused the animal to so concentrate its mind on the snake's tongue as to throw that mind into a hypnotic condition of such strength that it could not break the spell and run away from impending death. The forked tongue darted out of the snake's mouth almost as regularly and rapidly as the needle of a sewing machine rises and falls in the cloth. The little body crept nearer and nearer. The rabbit was motionless. Its eye was fixed on the piercing eye of the snake. Even the waving of the wind which stirred about the rabbit failed to break the spell, and softly and slowly grim death in snake form wreathed its folds about the creature. Then was the spell broken.

But the strange coils of the snake were in position. Never a rabbit lived that could break that embrace of death. Realizing at last the terrible peril, the terrified rabbit struggled vainly to escape, and as the rings of the snake drew closer about the frail form so tightly that breathing became difficult the rabbit uttered a despairing cry almost human in its intensity and sound. It was the rabbit's last earthly utterance. An extra twist of the cruel coils and poor bunny was no more. Lungs, heart and bones were literally crushed. The snake did not relax the pressure for fully ten minutes. Unwinding itself, the snake dragged the prey under an adjoining bush for dinner.

To the naturalist who watched the capture of the rabbit it appeared as if the snake had certainly fascinated the animal. As a gopher snake is not poisonous and has no well developed fangs its only means of killing prey is by constriction. In order to catch an animal it seems almost necessary for the snake to fascinate the victim.

Other naturalists claim that snakes do not possess the power of fascinating either birds or animals. One man who has given the matter much study remarked that "no error is apparently more rooted in the human mind than that which attributes to snakes this peculiar power of fascination." By this power they are said to be able to so paralyze their victims that the birds or animals are rendered utterly incapable of movement and wait for the attack of a snake or even go forward to meet it in fear and trembling, without any power of retaliation.

Now, any one who watches the behavior of small animals placed alive as food in the cages in which snakes are kept in captivity in the hope of seeing this marvelous power in operation will be grievously disappointed. Chickens, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, all move about with an utter absence of fear of the snakes. My belief is that it is possible to account for the popular belief that snakes possess a power to fascinate for several reasons. An observer may come on the scene and find a number of birds "nubbing a snake" just as they will mob an owl or a buzzard. The dashes of the bird toward the snake and their fluttering round it may easily be put down to the effect of the snake's glance, while they are in reality merely attempts of the birds to drive off the intruder. A mother bird whose young are attacked will almost certainly behave in this way and may herself fall a victim, not to the power of fascination in the snake, but to the force of her maternal feelings.

It may be the mobbing of the snake by the companions of a victim that has been seized or of a mother whose nest has been robbed; it may be simply the effect of poison already injected before the observer has come upon the scene, or it may be simple curiosity. In ninety nine cases out of a hundred one or the other of these causes has been at work. What, then, of the hundredth case, and what about the fascination exercised on man, cases of which have undoubtedly been recorded? The explanation lies in the probability that it is a case of self hypnosis.

It is an error to suppose that will power has anything to do with the effect. The matter has been taken up scientifically by the medical profession and it has been found that the hypnotic state of sleep or trance, or whatever it may be termed, can be produced by looking fixedly at the operator or at a coin or at the tip of one's own nose. It is not necessary to go into the question of how the result is brought about, but there is a physiological explanation. What happens then in the hundredth case is that the man or the animal may be self hypnotized by gazing fixedly at the snake, the subject being thus thrown into a sort of trance, making no attempt to move out of danger unless roused by some exterior influence. —San Diego (Cal.) Times-Herald.

The "general" of our army has us

### LOSS OF VOICE

After Acute Bronchitis CURED BY USING

## AYER'S Cherry Pectoral

A PREACHER'S EXPERIENCE.

"Three months ago, I took a violent cold which resulted in an attack of acute bronchitis. I put myself under medical treatment, and at the end of two months was no better. I found it very difficult to preach, and concluded to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

The first bottle gave me great relief; the second, which I am now taking, has relieved me almost entirely of all unpleasant symptoms, and I feel sure that one or two bottles more will effect a permanent cure. To all ministers suffering from throat troubles, I recommend Ayer's Cherry Pectoral."—F. M. BRAWLEY, D.D., Dist. Secretary, Am. Bapt. Publication Society, Petersburg, Va.

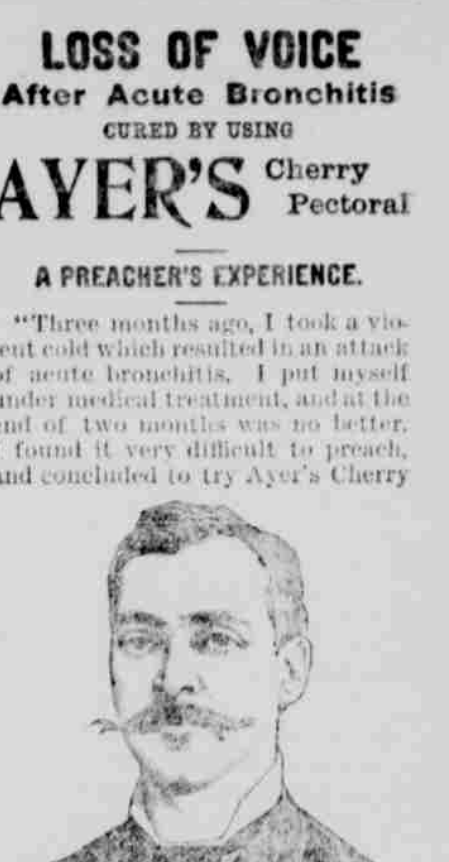
**Ayer's Cherry Pectoral**  
GOLD MEDAL AT THE WORLD'S FAIR  
AYER'S LEADS ALL OTHER SARSAPARILLAS.

### His First Wife Was Petrified.

A late copy of the *Madras (India) Sun*, an Indian paper published in the English language, contains the following:

At Runja in the Punjab a native who had recently married for a second time was informed by his new wife to have the remains of wife No. 1 removed from their resting place near a mineral spring and deposited in the village cemetery.

Preparations were made to that effect. Laborers opening the grave in the usual manner. When the wickerwork basket in which the woman had been interred was reached, and efforts made to raise it, the weight of the receptacle and its contents was found to be too heavy for the four men engaged in the work and the appliance at hand. When the basket collar was finally hoisted to the surface one of the laborers removed the lid to ascertain the cause of the unusual weight. To the surprise of all it was found the coffin contained a solid stone figure the corpse having become perfectly petrified. The husband removed the remains to his home, where they now are. and it is said that thousands are daily viewing the wonder.—St. Louis Republic.



From 1783 to 1789 the trade of the 13 old states was perfectly free to the world. The result was that Great Britain filled every section of our country with her manufactures of wool, cotton, leather, linen, iron, glass, and all other articles used here, and in four years she swept from the country every dollar and every piece of gold.—Baker's Financial History of the United States.

Tetter, eczema and all similar skin troubles are cured by the use of Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It soothes at once, and restores the system to its natural condition, and never fails to cure piles.

W. H. Remels, St. Louis; R. S. Webb, Alma.

Wages go up slowly.

Every cheap money experiment ever tried in this or in any country has demonstrated that, while prices respond quickly to changes in the value of money, wages respond but slowly. Hence, though wages appear to rise when money is depreciating, they are in reality falling. The difference in reality with which wages and prices go up has been illustrated by prices going up in elevators while wages walk up the stair steps. It is certain that wage earners always lose and never gain by being paid in a depreciated or depreciating currency.

Many political speakers, clergymen, singers and others who use the voice excessively, rely upon One Minute Cough Cure to prevent huskiness and laryngitis. Its value as a preventive is only equalled by its power to afford instantaneous relief.

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### News Summary.

The twentieth general assembly of the Knights of Labor in Canada and the United States will begin its session in Rochester, N. Y., Tuesday morning.

The large four-story works of the Boston-Ledger company on Sixth-st., Cambridgeport, Mass., were totally burned Saturday night, causing a loss of \$160,000.

Miss Lucy Oak, daughter of Hon. Edwin F. Oak, United States ambassador to Germany, is engaged to be married to Prof. Guy Thompson, a member of the faculty of Yale university.

Three thousand five hundred miners have struck in Jackson county, O. The operators want to reduce the price of mining from 61 to 45 cents. The prospect is that an early compromise will be reached.

David Baskely, neeager of Sonora's band, died suddenly Saturday afternoon in the Carnegie building, Fifty-seventh and Seventh-ave., of apoplexy. Mr. Baskely was apparently in the best of health all day, and at about 4 o'clock his typewriter went on an errand. When she returned she found Mr. Baskely lying on his face on the floor of the office.

A stimulant is often needed to nourish and strengthen the roots and to keep the hair a natural color. Hall's Hair Renewer is the best tonic for the hair.

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### WHAT VICTORIA COULD DO.

Her Enormous Power, Though She Never Dares Use It.

As a matter of fact, says the London Times, our sovereign has rarely taken any active part in politics since George II's time, but they could still do some very astonishing things if they chose. The queen could dismiss every Tommy Atkins in our army, the youngest drummer boy. She could dismiss the navy in the same way, and sell all our ships, stores and arsenals to the first customer that came along. Acting entirely on her own responsibility, she could declare war against any foreign country, or make a present to any foreign power of any part of the empire. She could make every man, woman and child in the country a peer of the realm, with the right, in the case of males who are of age, to a seat in the house of lords. With a single word she could dismiss any government that happened to be in power, and could, it is believed, pardon and liberate all the criminals in our jails. These are a few of the things the queen could do if she liked; but it is not necessary to say that her majesty never acts in matters of state, except on the advice of the government for the time being.

Don't think because you are sick and nothing seems to give you relief that you can't be cured. There must be a cure for you somewhere. If our doctor can't cure you, perhaps he has mistaken the cause. Anybody is liable to make a mistake sometimes. One in three of us suffer from indigestion, and one out of three dyspeptics doesn't know it. That is, he may know he is sick, but he blames it to something else. Indigestion is the cause of half of our dangerous diseases. Shaker Digestive Cordial, made from tonic medicinal roots and herbs, is the most natural cure for indigestion. It relieves the symptoms and cures the disease gently, naturally, efficiently, giving fresh life, strength and health to sick dyspeptics. At druggists. A trial bottle for 10 cents.

### CHIVALRY'S SLOW DEATH.

It has been often remarked that the days of chivalry have passed, and judging from what I witnessed in a street car the other day I am constrained to believe that there is more truth in the saying than just.

The scene was laid in a Back Bay car where one would least suppose a transaction of the kind would be likely to take place, and yet to blush a half dozen well-dressed men who were parties to the affair.

When the car reached the corner of Newbury and Dartmouth streets, it stopped to let an old lady get aboard. Every seat was occupied. The moment her form appeared in the doorway the male passengers who had not already digested the morning's news became deeply absorbed in their papers. The others immediately became interested in the painted advertisements opposite. All the well-dressed men held to their seats as if glued to them.

Just as the old lady reached for a strap with which to steady herself, a sweet faced middle aged woman quickly arose and tendered her seat to the white-haired newcomer.

Then a look of shame passed over every bearded face. Selfishness had won, but it was at a price.

Had an affair of this kind taken place on any other line, many would say that it was hardly worth recording, but as it occurred in a section where good manners and refinement are thought to have reached their highest standard it is fitting to refer to it publicly so that the illusion may be dispelled.—Boston Herald.

### Worse.

"Gussie, why did you refuse Smith?" "Did he show the green face?" "No, but he had all the green."

### Only One Standard

You and we may differ as to money standards and out of our very differences good may come. But we won't differ as to the merits of one standard emulsion of cod liver oil.

SCOTT'S EMULSION has won and held its way for nearly 25 years in the world of medicine until to-day it is almost as much the standard in all cases of lung trouble, and every condition of wasting whether in child or adult as quinine is in malarial fevers.

Differ on the money question if you will, but when it comes to a question of health, perhaps of life and death, get the standard.

Your druggist sells Scott's Emulsion. Two sizes, 50 cts. and \$1.00. SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

### A GREAT EXPENSE

To Carry on an Almost Helpless Fight.

—At Last the Fight is Over.

(From the Battle Creek Journal.)

Our representative called at 26 Battle Creek Avenue, the residence of S. L. Robbins, and in an interview with him brought out the following facts. Mr. Robbins tells of his wife's experience in a manner that carries conviction with its words. He says: "I am sorry my wife is not at home this P. M., but no one knows better than I how she has suffered during past years. For twenty years she has been afflicted with the various forms of kidney complaint and an enlargement of the liver. She was often confined to her bed for more than two weeks at a time suffering most agonizingly. She has doctor's bills for her ailments as much as \$900.00, and then her relief was only such that she would be able to be around for a spell. Some time ago she felt the symptoms of another attack coming on, such as a pain in through the kidneys and back. I hardly know what induced me to get a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, instead of sending for the family physician; however, I got some and she commenced their use. It was a surprise to us both to see their action; the attack was warded off, and she continued taking them with marked improvement each day of their use. She is better now than she has been in years, the pain in the back and hardness in the kidneys have entirely gone. Hardly a day goes by that we do not mention the great good Doan's Kidney Pills have done her. I was always opposed to patent medicines, but confess that my wife's experience with Doan's Kidney Pills has done much to change my opinions. If it were not for those pills she would not have been able to be out this afternoon.

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### Autumn.

Ladies fair, the end is near. Soon will gle upon its hair Every lovely blossom here. Posies even with which the year Strives to hide her swift decay None must pass from us away And in death be laid beside Flowers that in summer died. Zinnias, fading fire's bright hues; Marigolds, whose buds pursue Golden rays from east to west; Lilies, of all blossoms best For the dying woman's shroud; Daisies, set in order prim; Dahlias, loaded to the brim With the weight of hours unshed; Hydrangeas, pink, white and red; Violets, whose wreaths with bloom Dancers of rare worth; Roses, paler—aye, and wane—Yet so sweet, all will have gone! Ladies fair, the end is near. By night is the autumn year! —St. James Gazette.

### Overwhelmed by an Advertisement.

A Brooklyn firm had an amusing experience recently, and one which proved to it the great value of newspaper advertising. Solid oak chiffoniers were advertised to be sold for 98 cents. That morning bargain seekers noticed the offer and before 8 o'clock the store was crowded with buyers. Finally the clerks were overwhelmed. They began taking orders for the chiffoniers right and left. In alarm the manager telephoned to one member of the firm and wanted to know what could be done. By that time the crowd had become so great and the rush for the 98 cent chiffoniers so impatient that other furniture was being shoved in all directions and much damage done. The sale was ordered off in a twinkling. A was found, however, that orders for 1,641 chiffoniers had been taken.—Buffalo Express.

### Are you suffering from rheumatism?

Thomas' Electric Oil has cured thousands of the worst cases of this terrible disease. It only costs 25 cents to try it.

### Stevens' Sustained Power.

Much splendor in treatment, much richness in the elements employed, may be perfectly managed in little pieces of work, or may make a large one so dazzlingly gorgeous that only a trained eye will perceive discrepancy between its parts. But this discrepancy must exist. The limitations of human power forbid that a cathedral shall be old and new, chiseled and jeweled all over like a small shrine for the bones of a saint, and if the thing were done the laws of art would forbid its looking well. No one could write a book from end to end as Ruskin has written his most sumptuous passages, and if he could it would weary and distress the reader. But Stevens' Sustained Power is a gem from end to end. Its beauty is complete because the great artist who wrote it was classically sane and simple in style. And none of the emphatic and violent, the sweetly sentimental, the elaborately "prelusive" or the perfunctory, luscious and luxuriant writers of our day approaches Stevens in his power to be always at his best. Yet in saying that his work is beautiful I have affirmed, of course that its simplicity is never monotonous, bald or hard. It is like the work of a Greek sculptor, which would be grievously deformed were it bespangled with East Indian jewels.—Robert Lewis Stevenson and His Writings, by Mrs. M. G. Van Kinsella, in Century.

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